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TO: Human Services Committee
FROM: Beth Kerrigan, Chairperson
DATE: August 31, 2016
SUBJECT: Human Services Committee Meeting

**TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE
West Hartford, CT**

IN ATTENDANCE: Beth Kerrigan, Ben Wenograd, Denise Hall, Shari Cantor, Chris Barnes, Ron Van Winkle, Helen Rubino-Turco, Marsha Church

The Human Services Committee met on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at 5:30pm, in Town Hall, Room 312 to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Jonathan's Dream

Amy Barzach discussed the effort to rebuild Jonathan's Dream. They have raised nearly \$1 million for the reconstruction and are about \$100,000 short of their goal. They expect other donations shortly and were asking the Town to make a contribution to their efforts. The Committee voted to recommend that the Town Council adopt a resolution to appropriate a donation of \$50,000 for the reconstruction of Jonathan's Dream.

2. Library Services update

Martha Church discussed the survey of the community presently ongoing and the library's community engagement efforts.

3. Leisure Services update

Helen Rubino-Turco discussed the Departments new logo, the proposal to allocate a portion of the FY2016 surplus to the Leisure Services Fund deficit, the personnel reorganization of the department and ongoing park planning efforts. The Departments summer camps were very successful with a record number of participants attending and the changing of the pool pass to the punch card system was also successful. The Department is also discussing with the Dog Park Coalition the possibility of creating a "pop-up" within parks on single days for a few hours. In 2017 the Rockledge Restaurant contract, the Rockledge golf pro and operator contract, and the cornerstone Pool contract all expire.

4. Social Services update

The Department gave out 615 backpacks and school supplies this year. The Dial-a-Ride program is running on budget.

**C: Town Council
Ronald Van Winkle, Town Manager
Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel
Essie Labrot, Town Clerk
Department Directors**